

Proceedings of Manawa Common Council meeting held on Monday October 16, 2017 called to order at 6:00 PM at the Manawa Municipal Building by Mayor Smith pursuant to open meeting regulations, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Alderman present on roll call: Frazier, Miller, Brost, Eck, Brown, Radtke. City employees: Hass, J. Gorman, Simonis. Dexter, Nissan. Audience: Daniel Pomeroy, Larry Squires, Chris Mollica, Deb Sarna, Gordon Meyer, Joe Dexter, Jane Dexter, Jamie Lane, Holly Neumann, Mary Mengert, Joe Starr, Shawn Buchholz, Dave Thiel, Allen Lane.

Moved Frazier/Miller to approve agenda of October 16<sup>th</sup>. Carried. Moved Miller/Eck to dispense with reading of minutes of Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and to approve same as mailed. Carried.

Moved Eck/Brown to approve all bills as presented in the amount of \$180,806.55. Carried.

**Appointment of Alderman:** Moved Frazier/Miller to appoint Travis Radtke as first ward alderman. Carried. Alderman Radtke was sworn in by the City Clerk.

**Swear in Police:** Jordan Nissen and Katelyn Dexter were sworn in as part time officers by the City Clerk.

**Public Hearing:** Moved Eck/Frazier to open Public Hearing to consider an early morning hunt of nuisance ducks and geese for one hour to be performed on any given day under the supervision of the City Council at the Veteran Memorial Park site at 6:05 PM. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Smith asked for comments on the hunt. Dan Pomeroy asked what day they were considering, he is all in favor of the hunt, it is nasty, filthy crap, kids can't play there nor do you want to walk through the mess, he would like the City to get rid of the geese earlier in summer, they also travel across the highway and cause issues at the library. Larry Squires stated that the birds are a health hazard, little kids and dogs could eat the droppings, they have tried fencing and wires but the birds go the around the perimeter, they always can find a place to get into the park around the canal and shore line. Larry stated that he has mowed the park ten to twelve times and that they have left messes on the memorial and by the shelter house area. We should be concerned about overall health issues and the cleanliness of the park. Chris Mollica would like the City to get rid of them and that he would like the geese harvested for food. He was concerned that the birds would make messes on the splash pad and that is harmful to kids. Deb Sarna would like the City to use the least invasive procedure to get rid of the geese but to prevent them from getting to the water. They are finding ways to get back in. She was concerned about the safety for kids and that the bird's dropping are very toxic. Chris Mollica asked about examples for other Cities. John Smith stated that the Marion Lions Park has a continuous hunt for one hour one day at a time. Iola did a geese round up, relocated them eight to ten miles away and they returned. The cost was \$2,700.00. Smith noted that he was well aware of the social media comments. He was in favor of conservation and didn't like the idea of oiling the eggs. He stated that there were six geese that have not flown all summer and that their parents didn't fly. They feed, go to the water, and come back to roost. Geese can defecate up to five pounds a day. In one day he has noted up to thirty piles on the memorial. He addressed the statement that geese were there before the park, but also noted that the geese population had exploded heavily and that there are hunting days of five through Sept. and two through December. The committee has created a park like setting and that the geese population will continue to grow and we need to find a way to control that. Sarna noted that there are always six to seven geese there every day. Smith stated that when they molt and lose

their feathers and cannot fly and that they can clean out crop lands quickly. Pomeroy stated that the park was being built with hopes of the public using it. The feces is toxic in great amounts and is a health issue. Jamie Lane stated that at the Pella Park it was always infected and that with a public splash park kids will be encouraged to swim there. Gordon Meyer noted that the geese were not at the park first but that the area was originally a swimming beach. There were no geese or wildlife problems then. No further comments were received by the public.

Moved Frazier/Miller to close Public Hearing for an early morning hunt of nuisance ducks and geese at 6:19 PM. Carried.

**AUDIENCE:** Jamie Lane and Shawn Buchholz to discuss warming barrels for Miracle on Bridge Street: Shawn presented posters to the board advertising the Miracle on Bridge Street. Jamie noted that she had presented this idea to the board in April or March. She has applied for a tourism grant and waiting to see if they will be awarded one. Kolbe & Kolbe would be providing their trolley, anticipating 500-600 people attending, and that they are requesting closure of the down town streets from 4<sup>th</sup> to Union from 1:00 to 5:00. They are requesting warming barrels that will be constructed from 55 gallon drums, with weber grills with charcoal and wood with a grate over the top. The fire department will be monitoring the barrels. There will be no burning directly on the streets. She also stated that there would be fireworks at the end of the parade. Miller asked about the burn barrels and stated that it wasn't what the council thought. He questioned how many barrels – 4 to 5 with one on the trail and asked about safety concerns. Radtke asked if they could use propane powered patio heaters that would be more contained and less work for fire department. Miller asked if they could be placed on private property and not City right of ways. Eck wants to see the street closure paperwork and Jamie Lane is presenting it tonight.

**FINANCE:** Veteran wall hanging: Moved Eck/Miller to speak with Russ Wohlrabe or other members of the organization to see if they can come up with a stand of some sort to place a Veteran wall hanging on at City Hall. Carried.

Waupaca County Economic Development: Moved Eck/Frazier to allow David Thiel, Waupaca County Economic Development Director to proceed with a letter, offer a draft to the City before sending to build stronger relationships between schools and businesses. Carried.

Next budget meeting scheduled for Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Warming Barrels: Moved Frazier/Miller to not allow to have warming barrels on any City property, streets, curb, gutter or sidewalks. Roll call: Yes 2, No 4. Motion not carried. Moved Frazier/Eck to sit down with the committee to really discuss the warming barrels to get a clear picture and to discuss safety issues with fencing. Carried. Jamie Lane and Shawn Buchholz were requested at the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss further.

Early Morning Hunt: Moved Frazier/Miller to allow an early morning hunt of nuisance duck and geese for one hour to be performed on any given day under the supervision of the City Council at the Veteran Memorial Park site. Carried.

Public Hearing: Moved Frazier/Eck to hold a public hearing to change language in City parks on school sponsored events. Carried.

**PROTECTION:** Municipal Court: Brown noted that the Judge was getting a \$500.00 raise and the municipal clerk a fifty cent an hour raise with the new budget.

Fire Board Representative: Eck stated they are waiting for the audit, updating by-laws.

**Recycling:** Brown noted a meeting October 25<sup>th</sup> that she will attend.

**Mayor:** Recognized Angie Jacobsen for 20 years of service to the City.

**DPW:** Noted that they had assisted during the Homecoming parade, met with Waupaca County with Frazier and noted the LRIP fund has \$152,000.00 in it, had gone to a meeting with bigger cities, are currently flushing and rodding sewers, asbestos was cleaned up, flushing hydrants and taking bleachers to the Veteran Memorial Park.

**Police Chief:** Chief welcomed the new police officers and stated that we had received over \$11,000.00 for the sale of the Dodge.

**Library:** Brown noted different programs being presented at the library.

**Clerk: Financial Report:** General Fund Balances: \$31,219.01; Government Pool: \$24,674.63;

**Licenses:** Moved Eck/Brown to approve operator's licenses for Kelly Hoppa and Amber Huebner. Carried.

Moved Brown/Miller to approve Class B (sale of wine) Retailer's License for Manawa Chamber on November 16, 2017 for a cooking show at the Masonic Temple. Carried.

Notice was received from the Town of Little Wolf for a public hearing to discontinue a portion of County Yard Road on November 8, 2017.

**Resolutions:** Resolution 2017-9 authorizing a State Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$238,458.38: After reading of the Resolutions at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting by Council person Eck it was moved Eck/Miller to adopt Resolution 2017-9 to authorize a State Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$238,458.38 to finance Sturm Foods tax settlement. AYE: 5, NO: 0, ABSTAIN 1 – Brown. Carried.

**Closed Session:** Moved Frazier/Miller to adjourn into closed session per 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to discuss a potential development project. Carried.

Moved Frazier/Brown to return to open session at 7:29 PM to make any recommendations arising from closed session. Carried.

Moved Brown/Frazier to offer a deposit of \$1,000.00 to the railroad and sign a purchase agreement at 103 S. Bridge Street. Carried. Moved Brown/Frazier to open bids for partial demolition and engineered fill at 103 S. Bridge Street. Carried.

Moved Brown/Frazier to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Carried.

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Cheryl Hass, City Clerk